

The Slosberg Report

*** BREAKING *** LEGISLATIVE NEWS

**EMILY'S RAPE KIT TRACKING
BILL UNANIMOUSLY PASSED
BY THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES!!!**

**Watch Emily Present Gail's Law
on the House Floor**

**The Florida House of
Representatives unanimously
passed my rape kit tracking bill,
HB 673, Gail's Law!**

HB 673 is named Gail's Law in honor of the dedicated advocacy of Ms. Gail Gardner, an Orlando woman who survived a vicious sexual assault in 1988 by an armed man who broke into her home and raped her at knifepoint.

Despite courageously consenting to an invasive forensic exam, where a sexual assault evidence kit was collected, Gail had to wait over 30 years before her kit was tested. Police recently identified Gail's attacker as a serial rapist who was already serving a life sentence in prison for another sexual assault. Sadly, evidence that could have led to his conviction sat on a shelf for 33 years.

Gail's Law requires the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to create and maintain a statewide system for tracking sexual assault



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evidence kits. The tracking system must be accessible to sexual assault survivors, giving them the option of receiving updates on the status of the evidence in their case.

I am thrilled to see the Florida House of Representatives unanimously pass this landmark legislation. There is no reason why we should be able to track a pizza more efficiently than we can track critical evidence in a sexual assault case. By passing Gail's Law, we are addressing the historical lack of accountability surrounding sexual assault investigations, reducing the potential for evidence to go untested, and empowering survivors of sexual assault.

[SB 1002](#), the Senate version of Gail's Law, is currently in its last stop in the Florida Senate, where the [Appropriations Committee](#) is scheduled to hear it today. I am extremely encouraged by the work we have already done on this important issue and I call on my Senate counterparts to pass Gail's Law into law.

Emily & Gail Celebrate After the Passage of Gail's Law

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April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Join us as we honor survivors of sexual assault this month by raising public awareness about sexual assault and educating communities and individuals on how to prevent sexual violence. Together, we can make a difference.



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